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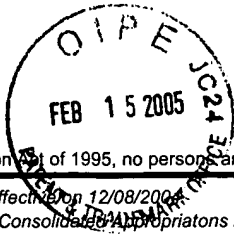
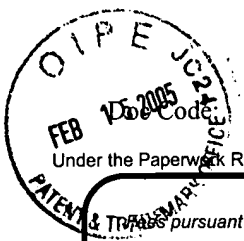
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	First Named Inventor	Masatoshi Imai	
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		Application Number	10/072,506
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	2/5/2002
		First Named Inventor	Masatoshi Imai
		Examiner Name	Cam Linh T. Nguyen
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid(\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims Extra Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____ x \$50.00 = \$0.00

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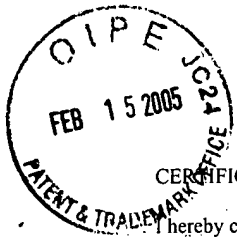
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For : SORT PROCESSING METHOD AND SORT
: PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner : Cam Linh T. Nguyen
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Presented below is a complete set of claims with current status indicators.